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## Assembly Marks Anniversary of Mother's Feast

Since December 7 was Mother Marietta's feast day, the assembly program on Monday, December 3, was given in her honor. Both faculty and students joined to wish Mother a "Happy Feast Day" and to present her with a hand painted card and an appropriate gift. The card was painted by Sister Georgiana Marie of the college art department.

After a Memorare to St. Joseph and the College Hymn, Helen Jane Gray, President of the Student Association, made the Presentation address.

The Caecilian Choral Club presented two vocal selections, "Ave Maria" by Biggs and "Tales from the Vienna Woods" by Strauss.

Pat Budinger, Jean Budinger, Mary Lou McConnell, Marjorie Michaels, Pat O'Leary and Barbara Ryan, members of the Oral Interpretations class, gave several Choral Readings. Among them were "The Magnificat" by Sister M. Teresa and "Questions on a Nun's Habit" by Sister M. Madeleva.

Accompanied by Betty Beck, Mary Elizabeth Gent sang two selections, "Panis Angelicus" by Franck and "Through the years" by Youmans.

The Freshmen were represented on the program by Kathleen Dreiling, who played "Romance" by Sibelius, and Regina Kilkenny who concluded the program with the School Song and the "Star Spangled Banner."

## Ceremony Honors Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe was honored at St. Teresa's on December 7 in the College auditorium. The ceremony was in honor of the golden anniversary of the solemn coronation of the miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the basilica of that name in Mexico.

A hymn, written especially for the golden jubilee, was sung for the first time in the United States. The words were composed by Leoncia Rivera, a Mexican poet and the music by Padre Serafin Ramirez O.F.M., from Guadalupe. The Inter-American Commission obtained the words and music through Senor Manuel Escalante, student at Rockhurst College.

The lifesize painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe which was featured in the program was copied from a Mexican painting of the original image. The artists were Misses Caroline and Catherine Borne, art students at St. Teresa's. Their work has previously received recognition and has been exhibited at Madison Square Gardens.

The Caecilian Choral Club under the direction of Sister Victorine, participated. Miss Shirley Brandt and Miss Regina Kilkenny accompanied the selections.

The motto of the celebration is an excerpt from an address by the Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, "Two bonds which will unite the peoples of the western hemisphere are the Catholic tradition of religion and the classical tradition of Culture."

The program was sponsored by the Inter-American Commission of the Central Midwest Region of the N.F.C. C.S. held by C.S.T. Six regional colleges participated: St. Benedict's and St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas; Sacred Heart Junior College, Wichita, Kansas; Marymount, Salina, Kansas; St. Mary's, Xavier, Kansas; Rockhurst and The College of St. Teresa, Kansas City.

## A King is Born Among You



### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the Downey family at the death of their father, Mr. Charles Downey.

### Traditional Festival Introduces Atmosphere Of Holiday Season

Wednesday, December 19, the Student Association Yuletide festivities will commence at noon in the assembly room of Donnelly Hall.

This year, the girls will exchange inexpensive toys and gifts suitable for children. Afterwards, these presents will be redistributed to various orphanages in the city.

The entertainment will consist of a movie, "Beyond Tomorrow," starring C. Aubrey Smith, Charles Winninger, and Harry Carey. Community singing of the Christmas carols will conclude the program.

The following committees were appointed to take charge of the party—Seniors: Refreshments; Juniors: Decorations; Sophomores: Entertainment; and Freshmen: Gift wrapping.

A gaily decorated Christmas tree ornamented in the traditional manner will be the central theme of the pre-holiday fete. Heaped under the tree will be the students' offerings to the less fortunate.

### Rare Endowments Enrich College Reference Rooms

Through the contributions of two prominent Kansas Citians, Miss Sarah Gilday (daughter of the late John P. Gilday) and Mr. Frank Teupe, the facilities of the Keyes Memorial Library at the college have been increased.

Mr. John P. Gilday was a noted member of the editorial and feature departments of the Kansas City Star. Miss Gilday has donated several works from his library in his memory. Among these, is a twelve volume set of the "History of Egypt" by Maspero, the bookplates of which she designed. Also given, was leaf from a genuine sixteenth century Spanish manuscript. This document was taken from a choir book originally used by the choristers of the Cathedral of Jaen in southern France. It is painted on Vellum and measures 22 by 30 inches. The various colors used on the parchment still remain in their original brightness even after four centuries.

Mr. Frank Teupe, artist and interior decorator, of Raytown, Missouri, who is now in Florida, has donated 1000 books. Among these, are many bound periodicals and the complete works of Nathaniel Hawthorne and George Eliot.

### Queen's Work Prizes To English Students

In recent contests sponsored by the Queen's Work Magazine, five St. Teresa's girls were awarded prizes for their essays submitted.

Shirley Brandt, freshman boarder from Higginsville, Missouri, won first prize of \$10 for her entry for the problem story which was entitled "Door to Door." Shirley completed her high school work at St. Teresa's Academy after three years of study.

For her contribution to the discussion of the United Nations Charter, Regina Budinger was awarded a prize of \$1. Regina, now a junior, also graduated from the Academy under the accelerated program.

Frances Stephanz, freshman, who graduated from St. Aloysius Academy also won \$1 for her essay in the controversy on peacetime conscription.

Mercedes Kiniry, freshman boarder, was awarded \$2 as a second prize for her entry in the problem story. Also participating in the same contest, Pat McDonnell, freshman, won \$1.

## Mexican Pageant Enhances Spirit Of Christmas

### Mrs. Farrell Directs

### Cast and Staff From Speech Department

"Our Lady of the Marketplace," a play depicting Christmas in Mexico, was produced by the play production class under the direction of Mrs. Helene Farrell, head of the speech department, on December 15 and 16.

All students of the speech department contributed some part in the pageant.

The art department painted and arranged the sets. Music was furnished by the Caecilian Chorus.

The staff was composed of Regina Budinger in charge of setting and make-up; Pat Budinger, properties; Gloria Gilford and Kathleen Karnes, costumes and painting; Mattie Pat Campbell, lighting; Gloria Galvin and Gloria Gilford, prompters.

Those in the cast were as follows:  
Mary Lou McConnell .....Zela  
Pat Budinger .....Tomasita  
Regina Budinger .....Pina  
Kathleen Karnes .....Theresa  
Pat O'Leary .....Nydia  
Marjorie Michaels .....Nonita  
Barbara Ryan .....Ipa  
Mattie Pat Campbell .....Rosita  
Margaret Reintjes .....Madonna

Mrs. Farrell adapted the original play so that it would be appropriate for college presentation. The story itself concerns a poor Mexican child and her desire to participate in the native Christmas celebration. How the people of this country observe the holiday was accurately depicted by the members of the college speech classes.

Catholic grade school children attended the matinee on December 15, while tickets were sold to the public for the performance on December 16.

### Junior Class to Sponsor Formal Yuletide Dance

To enliven the yuletide season, the junior class is sponsoring a formal Christmas dance on December 28 at the Phillips Hotel. Earl Coleman's Orchestra has been engaged to play in the Pioneer Room from 9 to 12 that evening.

Parents of the junior class officers serving as chaperons for the occasion are: Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tyler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mathews, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schekorra.

The dance is not only for the girls attending C.S.T. but also for the alumnae. Tickets may be purchased through the Registrar's Office.

The Teresian Staff extends to students and faculty sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## Silent Night

"Peace on earth . . ." This year we have again, on most of the earth, the peace of which the angels sang. But is it the peace of God, even in our own country? Or is it rather merely a lull between wars? God has been excluded from the peace—shall He be excluded too from our hearts.

For the first time in five years we are to have the pomp that customarily accompanies the Feast. This year many families will be united about their glowing trees and at Midnight Mass; cities again will blaze with the lights that proclaim that it is the King's birthday: gaily wrapped packages, piles of cards, holly wreaths, mistletoe boughs, Christmas dances, and sumptuous festivities.

Thanksgiving is of a month past. But should we not thank God again—now more even than then? With so many countries nationally excluding Him, it's up to us to show the Prince of Peace that it was not in vain that He became incarnate for us—came to our earth to live and suffer with humanity.

Shall we at Christmas remember only ourselves? It is after all, the feast of Christ; let us make it His.

Mary Lou McConnell

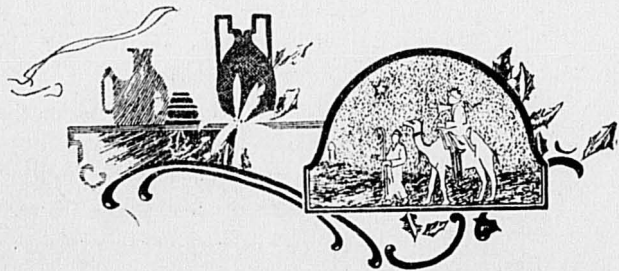
## Ring Out the Old

"And, after eight days were accomplished that the child should be circumcised, his name was called Jesus" . . . Thus was established the feast which begins our secular year. On this first New Year's Day, the shepherds had scarcely returned to their folds and the angels' hymns of rejoicing still lingered around the stables when the Holy Family prepared to observe the old Jewish custom of circumcision. Our Blessed Lady must have felt a special glow in her heart as she carried her Son to the Temple.

There is something prophetic about New Year's for while we approach another year with some apprehension, there is hope in our hearts as we bury past failures and plan for a full future life. It is not difficult to reach the true spirit of New Year's Day. We have only recently come from the invigorating Nativity Scenes.

When Our Lord was held in His mother's arms during the Circumcision ceremony, there was only peace and love around Him. Was there an empty spot in His heart, though, when He foresaw the kind of celebration that would compose the modern New Year's Day? Let us try to remember Him there at the Temple when observing the holiday on January 1.

Geraldine Carrigan



Best wishes most sincere • For this Christmas  
and the Coming Year •

## Puns of Sophistry

One evening a rather large fe-Male Beck-oned to her daughter. "Soph-ie," she exclaimed, "Will you not Ho des Lamp in(G) my face while I'm drinking my Coffey?" Poor, bewildered Soph-ie began cRyan and in her excitement brushed into her mother knocking the cup, from Honkomp, China, out of her hands. Mrs. Mc-Connell was fairly exasperated. "You L(H)ofer, march right out to the Wood shed" and still shouting she was O (so) Leary of her mother and yet sad, for here it was the night before Christmas. Her friends, the Miller up the street, Gill (a) wee child, Josephine, and others were coming over, and she had to stay in the shed.

After making herself as comfortable as she could, she fell asleep. Suddenly Soph-ie was awakened by the sound of reindeer and a Mary (Sullivan) laugh. Never would she, Weber she lived to be a hundred or two hundred, forget what the old Gent said:

"In one bag, pretty toys have I for you,

Some are old and some are new. Various sizes, different colors, and all shapes too,

In the other bag you'll find the best of all,

The gift isn't big Nor-is it small,

It simply is the spirit of giving

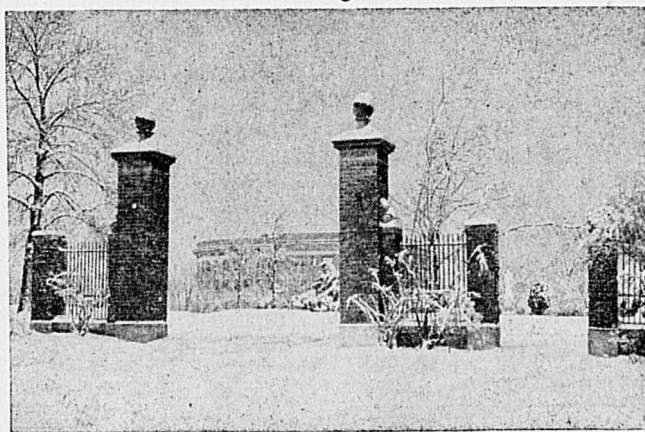
Not necessarily at Christmas, but in daily living."

Someone was shaking Soph-ie, "Good morning! Mary (Garies) Christmas!" It was her mother. "Why you must have had a dream," she said. "Don't you want to come down to see your presents?"

Imagine her astonishment when she saw assembled around the tree, Uncle Michael Michaelis, her little brother Robert (S), and her father. Then she spied her brother who was home on furlough from the Army. "It's Ned" (icker), she cried. Running to him and cl(H)utching him she said, "This is such an unexpected surprise. May Ei Leen on you for support?"

This Christmas, when our families are together for the first time in years, let us thank God for "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Gris.



Windmoor is garbed in the snow-time we have seen the snow. Some white purity of Winter's raiment. The heat of summer and the blaze of Autumn's hues are buried beneath the treasure chest of sparkling crystals. Old Winter has spread out his frosty wares and settled down on his carpet of snow flakes.

What better preparation for the Christ child's coming could we have? In this season of Advent not only are souls made pure by prayer and penance but nature also clothes itself in garments of purity. Soon deft hands will fashion snowmen—sentinels to stand guard for the Saviour's birth. Frolicking flurries will dance a merry welcome around their feet.

For a few of us, this is the first

## Bond Dives Finance Hospital Facilities For War Veterans

Inscribed upon the beds of two veterans at O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri, are these words: "To speed your recovery the students and teachers of the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Missouri, have successfully completed a War Bond and Stamp Campaign to help finance the hospital facilities you are using." For each of these inscriptions \$3,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps have been sold.

The bond drive has hit the top because of the activity of the Victory Bonds and Stamps Group. This month's activity included a pep meeting staged in the cafeteria which brought added reports of \$4,000 in bond sales, and a popularity contest for which Kathleen Froeschl, Helen Jane Gray, Marybeth Malsie, and Rosemary Flanigan are candidates. The contest closed December 17.

To date the sales of stamps and bonds total \$57,898.10. Those who have solicited bonds are—Juniors: Gloria Gilford, Mary Elizabeth Hessel, Catherine Junker, Mary Alice McGinley, Louise McNellis; Sophomores: Barbara Ryan; Freshmen: Marguerite Alexander, Kathleen Dreiling, Bobby Jeanne Schmidt, Jean Stephanz, Mary Lou Wilkinson, and Rosemary Wittman.

## Missionary Fosters Spirit of Sacrifice

Reverend Calvert Alexander, S.J., editor in chief of the national monthly, Jesuit Missions and Executive Chairman of the American Jesuit Missionary Association, addressed the student bodies of the college and high school Wednesday afternoon, December 12, in the Auditorium of the Music and Arts Building. Father has traveled extensively, as well as having conversed with many missionaries; and thus was most capable of speaking of missionary work. Having told of a leper colony in British West Indies which he visited, Father said that people must realize that the sacrificing and suffering of the religious working in such communities is directed to an end—for love of Christ.

## Fulfillment

If I should love but once before  
I die,  
Would it be full and deep and  
rich and true?  
Would death find but a soul of  
shallowness and wretched  
unfulfillment—  
A soul so stunted and unformed  
as if cut off in its first bud?  
Or would I use God's grace to  
foster in my breast His will,  
To mold my soul about His  
Flaming Heart and cause  
complete surrender  
To His holy bidding?  
Would I might justify existence  
here on earth, so that at  
death's  
Soft call a rose in fullest bloom  
would meet His welcome,  
A soul immortalized by love.  
Jean Budinger



With President Germania Izurieta presiding, the November meeting of the Caecilian Music Club began with the reading of the minutes and a discussion of the seasonal activities.

Following this, Virginia Sullivan gave a short, informative talk on the history, plot, and characters of Verdi's work, "Il Trovatore." The playing of the composition climaxed the evening.

Refreshments were served by Caroline Borne, Shirley Brandt, Catherine Tristano, and Beverly Tschann.

The next meeting will be held January 13.

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The first monthly session of the Music Hour, November 29, inaugurated by Mother Marietta, marked the beginning of a new privilege at St. Teresa's that is becoming popular in other colleges.

As the title suggests, the Music Hour is a short period of relaxation in Room 1 of the Music and Arts Building where interested girls may read or do what they please while listening to recordings of the Masters selected by Sister Callista in accordance with the student's taste. Besides serving recreational purposes, the Hour also endows the students with a greater sense of music appreciation, an asset now being stressed in all educational systems.

The first Music Hour was devoted to Chopin compositions. In ensuing months, the works of Tchaikovsky or George Gershwin will be featured.

Miss Peggy Jones will take the names of those present and the minutes of each meeting.

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The annual Christmas radio program of the Choral Club will be broadcast December 22 at 9:00 a.m. on Station WDAF. The Chorus will present: "Transeamus" by Schabel-Boruchia, "Lo Chiamano Geau" by Pietro A. Yon, "Christmas Folk Song" by Lizette Woodworth Reese-Robert Sheehan, and the traditional "Noche de Paz" by Franz Gruber.

Renewing a yuletide tradition of the College of St. Teresa, which was discontinued in wartime due to poor transportation facilities, the Choral Club will sing Christmas carols on the afternoon of December 22 at the home of His Excellency Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara and the hospitals throughout the city.





Theresa Monahan and Geraldine Carrigan had all the C. S. T. girls gazing at a recent Rockhurst game when they appeared in Rockhurst sweaters!

That little gadget that adorned Jeanette Kramer's lapel one day last week, was sure cute, but it tickled too!

Who saw a limeade walking? Oops, it was only Kathie Crooks in her lime green sweater . . .

Martha Smith's blue jumper accentuates that blue in her eyes, and together they make a beautiful combination.

When Pat O'Leary wears her electric blue dress, we all stand by and admire.

Seen Tuesday after the BIG dance, Betty Lou Kellerman looking very chic with her orchid. (Father Killgallon, please note, it was an orchid and not a gardenia!)

Germania satisfied us all when she wore her black platform sandals. And they really make her look taller, too!

Our able student body president, Helen Jane Gray, really looks lush when she wears that black velvet headband. In fact, Helen Jane looks lush in anything she wears.

Little Juanita Maggio was quite alluring in that gray suit set off by red sandals and a fur chubby the night of the dance.

Another special attraction at the dance was Dorothy Breen—incision and all!

Everyone's trying to describe the dress Maxine Keim wore to the same affair, and they all agree it was "super."

That luscious white suit Gloria Galvin has, is a wonderful contrast to her black locks and it certainly fits into the Christmas season.

And last but not least there is Kathleen Lenaghan's plaid blouse which is quite an addition to any suit.

Well, here comes Santa Claus in his big red suit, the ultra-special attire of the year, looking very merry, so we'll leave you to him . . . Merry Christmas!

Dec. 19—Christmas recess begins at noon.  
Jan. 7—Classes resume at 8:30 a. m.  
Jan. 16-18—Semester Exams.  
Jan. 21-23—Annual Retreat.  
Jan. 24-25—Registration for second semester.  
Jan. 28—Second semester begins.

## Border Line

Come closer, sane or otherwise: listen to the tale of girl-meets-boy-on-train . . . Once upon a time, as it goes, a dainty daisy traveled the Kansas City-St. Louis Burlington all alone. While speeding across the country, this young damsel was pleased to find a fair-haired knight in armor (uniform) seated at her side. So eager to hear him speak, she waited tensely. Then, finally, he said, "Hiya, kid. Havin' trouble with your boy friends? Tell me more. I'm just out of a philosophy course." Mercedes, such valuable information should be publicized.

From fairy tales we pass to the popular art of that old black magic. On entering the recreation room the other evening, we found Germa deeply engrossed in the art of fortune telling. "Is he? Why is he? Who is he? Does he? Can he?" Hey, just a minute! Who is HE? That is the question of the month.

But all is not black magic, we have moans and groans that roam our halls. "Oh! Ah! Hm! Van!" These are the mutterings of Shirley, our educated quiz kid. After seeing her idol, Van Johnson, in "Week-end at the Waldorf," Shirley is spending her week-end recuperating.

From the bedside of our sighing Shirley, we silently peek into Beverly's inned-sanctum, where we find the mystery of the month. Among the confused exclamations of the girls' Thanksgiving vacations, there remains one unexplained. We hear Beverly exclaim, with a rising of temperature, "What a week-end!" Then silence. No explanation. Yet there is one, as in every mystery, who knows the deep, dark secret . . . Mary Jo-o, Mary Jo Powers!

Let us leave the enigmatic Beverly and come to the calm, serene Elsa . . . Hold her! Fire! To the port-side! Boom! Bang! What manner of speech is this, Elsa? Oh, you've seen "The Spanish Main." Two times? Well, in that case, we're off to the movies.

But Time marches on, so we must pass to the more cultural side of life. Take for instance, Nydia's comparison of English and Spanish. We quote: "In English there is only one way of saying 'I love you,' but there are many ways in Spanish." Unquote. Guatemala, here we come!

After our rollicking visit in Guatemala, we meet with a conspiracy against unsuspecting Bess. While she slumbers beneath her blanket, she little knows that tomorrow may find her without curls. So green with envy are we, that we're driven at full moon to attack those priceless curls of yours with deadly scissors. Spooky, isn't it?

Sometimes in life the fire of genius is quenched before it has its chance to set the world on fire. Such is Ruth's talent for the piano. She ceased to take piano lessons because . . . time marches on.

Higginsville—a subject after our own hearts. That's where we'll find that charming Bill Coplen. He has the loveliest eye-lashes you ever did see! They have us in such a dither that a duel is scheduled for sunrise tomorrow. Who'll win? Well, we don't know, but we're going to quit now because these jokes are killing us!

— The Twins.

## Et Cetera

Dear Admiral Nimitz:  
Please send some boys home for Christmas!! (You can read this, too, Douglas!!)

Flash—Patsy and Jean Budinger appeared at school on December 6 donned in bobby socks.

What Navy Man has claimed Bobby Fritton's heart?

These birthday parties in the cafeteria have become quite elaborate. Helen Fortin's cake was beautiful as well as delicious.

Has anyone been shopping for formals lately? A few of the Sophomores found a cute little affair for \$400. Better save your pennies!

No wonder Marjorie Michaels doesn't waste any time after her last class. Who would with a fellow in those interesting Navy blues outside waiting?

Seen recently in a home economics class was a poor freshman perturbed about how long it took her to fill the salt shakers by pouring said seasoning through those dozens of little holes in the top.

Excitement ran so high on November 30 that many found it utterly impossible to give the USUAL rapt attention to studies. With the first talk of a dance everyone began ransacking the possibilities and the reactions were something like this: Nobody, absolutely nobody . . . He hasn't danced in three years he says. I can see it now! . . . If he only gets home by Friday night . . . Gosh, it's been so long since I've called up a boy and asked him to a dance! . . . My dress is fuschia . . . Does anyone know anyone that I can bring? . . . Do you think that we could double date? . . . Does anyone have the ninth dance open? . . . He's got a friend. How many friends? . . . I'm not making out a program. I want him all to myself . . . Please don't laugh when you see him.

Yes, indeed, we like this dance business and we are looking forward to the next one anxiously.

By the way, which two juniors appeared a bit sheepishly at school the Monday after the dance? Now really girls, it wasn't their fault that they accidentally made out eight programs and then kind of accidentally forgot to come to the dance.

Katie Crooks isn't wasting any time getting an escort for the prom. As soon as rumors were voiced, she not only got her man, but also told him the time to call for her. My! My! Such methods!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be twins like the Borne's? It might be hard to tell one from the other, but when it comes to getting the honors . . . !

Personal: Wanted—two blue clad companions to share a hearse ride to Liberty. Sincerely, B. H.

Any day now, Sylvester, the darling of the biology class will be a fit subject for fried frog legs.

I wish Mary Lou Lamping weren't so Frank about everything.

Margaret Roberts has a new dress to don when a certain Marine comes home.

Shirley Faubion and Genevra Pooteet, Juniors '44, are now employed at T.W.A. as hostesses.

## Prominent Alumnae Member Weds



Miss Santa Thomasine Lococo, class of 1945, became the bride of Captain Edward John Bruni of the Army Air Corps at Visitation Church at a solemn high mass on November 27. The marriage ceremony was performed by Monsignor Thomas B. McDonald who also celebrated the mass. Reverend Edward Taney and Reverend Louis Donozan were the deacons.

Patricia Ryan, Academy '43, became the bride of Frank J. McGinley, Jr., on Saturday, December 1, at Visitation Church. Mary Alice McGinley, sister of the groom and present C.S. T. junior, was the maid of honor. John Ballard was best man. The bride's gown was of white satin with a bodice of mousseline de soie. Her bouquet was of white carnations. Mary Alice wore a blue crepe dress made on simple long lines and carried Joanna Hill roses.

So, with the tune of that popular song of today ringing in my ears— "Sharp Knives Are Expensive, But They're Cheaper Than Tender Steaks," we say . . . So Long!

The maid of honor was Carolina Lococo, Santa's sister. The bridesmaids were Josephine Benanti, Tena Massania, and Josephine Cambiano. Rosemary Lapentina was the junior bridesmaid. Doctor James A. DiRenna was best man and the ushers were Anthony, Michael, and Joseph Cambiano, and Anthony Massania.

The wedding breakfast was held at the bride's home. The dinner and reception took place in the evening at the Sky High Roof of the Continental Hotel. The couple will make their home in Kansas City when they return from a trip to Monroe, Louisiana, where Captain Bruni is stationed.

Santa's bridal gown was of white chiffon velvet. The neck was cut round and finished with a ruffle of Renaissance lace spotted with rhinestones. The sleeves were full and gathered to fit the arm at three-quarter length. From this point a ruffle extended to the waist. The skirt was softly gathered to fit the low waist line of a simply made bodice. Her long veil was gathered into a crown of net on which seed pearls were sewed in a floral pattern. The train of the veil was embroidered in beads forming wedding rings and love knots.

The bridesmaids' dresses were of pink chiffon velvet made with fitted bodices. The gowns were decorated at the waist line with vari-colored sequins.



## St. Louis Is Scene For N.F.C.C.S. Meet

Webster College in St. Louis, Mo., will be the scene of the annual National Council meeting of the N.F.C.C.S. on December 28 and 29. The College of St. Teresa will be represented by Rosemary Flanagan, Junior, who is the Junior Delegate for the National Council.

After the opening prayer by the National Chaplain and the roll call, a brief summary of the year's progress of the Federation will be given by Anne Schuette, President. The various committees will then be appointed for the coming year.

In the afternoon, finances are scheduled to be considered and the regional reports will be made. At this national convention, certain clauses of the N.F.C.C.S. Constitution are to be revised.

The program will be concluded with a prayer by the National Chaplain.

## Science Club Studies The Christmas Tree

Sigma Chi Iota, the college science club, held its last meeting before the Christmas holidays on December 18 at 1:45 p.m. The program consisted of a discussion of the Christmas tree. The biological aspects were described by Margaret Leonard. Catherine Junker pointed out the physics of the fir, while Pat Mathews explained the chemical constitution of the Christmas tree.

## New Sports Planned

Although athletic activities have been limited during the past months, a varied program is planned for the rest of the year. Volley-ball tournaments will be waged regularly between classes. As soon as the bowling alleys are redecorated, bowling teams will be selected for competition.

Twenty-five of the college girls are already enrolled in a course of swimming instructions at the Kansas City Athletic Club. At the conclusion of these lessons, those students who qualify will be awarded their Junior Life Saving Badge.

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## The World, The Flesh, And Father Smith

"The World the Flesh and Father Smith," a Book of the Month Club selection, is the second novel by Bruce Marshall to reach the best seller level. It has the rare quality of making the Catholic religion seem an essential part of life.

The title suggests a conflict between good and evil through Father Smith. However, there is really no battle, because the flesh has surrendered to the priest before the narrative is begun. In other words, the book is the record of the holy priest's sojourn in a country overrun by materialism.

On a Sunday morning in 1908, Father Thomas Edmund Smith is dodging raindrops while bicycling down a long hill in Scotland. Only half of his regular Sunday rounds have been covered and he still has to say Mass and preach a sermon at a little church in a Scottish fruit market. Persecution is evident in the anti-clerical signs on the streets and the Catholic congregation shows its laxity while hearing Mass.

For six years, Father Smith labors among his parishioners and in 1914 he leaves for the front as a chaplain. He finds life in the army much like that of a parish priest, except that those men whose confessions he hears might be dead within an hour. He does his duty day by day and in many instances brings comfort and the last sacraments to a crumpled figure on a field of battle.

During the five years of war, Father Smith was brave on many occasions but he did not win the Victoria

Cross or even the Distinguished Service Order. Upon returning to his old parish, the Bishop does not place him in his old position as pastor but appoints him the assistant.

When Father Smith is sixty-one, the Bishop rewards his years of faithful service and makes him a canon of the church and rector of his old parish.

Through one war and the beginning of another one, Father Smith has grown old. One evening he is conversing with some young people when an air raid is sounded. Suddenly there is a terrific explosion and a bomb bursts through the Church near the altar. A scorching fire blazes up as Father Smith rushes in to save the sacred pyx and ciborium. In the attempt he is seriously burned. He succeeds in carrying his sacred burden to the nuns' chapel. Then he faints.

It is not long before Father Smith is lying on his death bed surrounded by his lifelong friends. His last words are, "Don't forget to let them know there'll be Mass on Sunday in the fish market."

All who read "The World, the Flesh and Father Smith" will like it for it appeals to all classes. It is not a novel but rather a prolonged character sketch. There is music, wisdom, comfort and laughter in this, the story of the sojourn of a holy priest in the world of the flesh.

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## Senior Class Gives All-School Dance

As the first post-war social affair of the school, the senior class sponsored an informal dance on November 30. The program dance started at nine and ended at midnight. During intermission, refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

Committees appointed for the evening were — refreshments: Pat Lester, Kathleen Lenaghan, Matty Pat Campbell, Betty Kearns, and Pat Darby; and entertainment: Marjorie McGonigle, Dolores Boedeker, Helen Jane Gray, Germania Izurieta, and Kathleen Froeschl.



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## Papal Encyclical Subject for NCCW

### Rights of Womanhood Presents Problem

"Your destiny is at stake" warned the Council of Catholic Women at a meeting held November 28 at Edison Hall for the women of greater Kansas City. The theme of the discussion, which was attended by the students of the College of St. Teresa, was a recent address of Pope Pius XII delivered to the women of Italy.

From a rich background of experience, Catholic leaders spoke on the economic, social, and spiritual aspects of married women and single laywomen. Tribute was paid to religious women who have consecrated themselves to the service of mankind with a complete disregard for themselves and their own interests.

In speaking of the dignity of woman, Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison of Denver, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, said "Woman is equal to man in the sight of God, but she must develop her character along womanly lines, making herself man's helpmate rather than progressing along the lines of manliness, making her man's competitor."

"Divorce is the termite within the family that is eating away the foundations of the home" declared Dr. F. L. Feierabend of St. Mary's Hospital. The speaker further reminded the audience that as the family goes so goes the nation. Therefore, build permanent marriages and preserve the nation.

Miss Virginia Walsh, NCCW Industrial Chairman, asserted that single laywomen are the outer guardians of the home. Continuing her talk, Miss Walsh stated that the field of activity for single women is vast and their opportunities unlimited in that they must uphold the standards of moral ethics.

The Most Reverend Edwin V. O'Hara, honorary chairman of the meeting, summarized the viewpoints and conclusions of the speakers and reaffirmed the evils of planned parenthood and divorce.

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